

FACT SHEET



INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Michigan City Generating Station Surface Impoundment Closure Fact Sheet

Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Closure Plan

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Background

- The Michigan City Generating Station (MCGS) is owned by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) and generates electricity using a coal-fired boiler, producing coal combustion residuals (CCR).
- The MCGS is located on an approximately 123-acre site at 101 Wabash Street, Michigan City, Indiana 46360 in La Porte County.
- Historically, CCR materials have been placed in on-site surface impoundments.
- The surface impoundments at MCGS included in this closure plan are Primary Settling Pond No. 1, Primary Settling Pond No. 2, Secondary Settling Pond No. 1, Secondary Settling Pond No. 2, and the Boiler Slag Pond.
- NIPSCO is proposing a closure by removal approach for the CCR surface impoundments.
- The CCR materials will be excavated from the surface impoundments and transported to the NIPSCO owned R.M. Schahfer Generating Station Restricted Waste Site (RWS) for final disposal.

IDEM's Role

- IDEM is responsible for protecting human health and the environment while providing for safe industrial, agricultural, commercial, and governmental operations vital to a prosperous economy.
- IDEM's Office of Land Quality is responsible for reviewing closure plans for the CCR surface impoundments. Engineers and geologists evaluate design drawings and operating plans to ensure they meet or exceed the rule requirements before granting an approval or modifications to an approval.
- In addition to issuing approvals that comply with federal and state environmental regulations designed to protect public health and the environment, IDEM is also responsible for overseeing permitted activities and monitoring compliance at permitted facilities.
- IDEM will ensure all submitted materials related to the surface impoundment closure plan are publicly available through IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet (VFC)

Citizen's Role

- You can review the application and related correspondence online at IDEM's Virtual File Cabinet (VFC) web site using the following steps:
 - Go to <http://vfc.idem.IN.gov/>, which is the VFC's "Document Search" page.
 - Once there, click on the **Alternate Field** dropdown menu.
 - Select **SW Program ID**.
 - Enter the SW Program ID, **46-010** in the **ID #** box to the right of the **Alternate Field** menu.
 - Click the **I'm not a robot** checkbox and wait until a green checkmark appears.
 - Click the **Search** button, which produces one or more links to the documents for this facility.
 - To find and review the permit decision, click the highlighted numbers in the **Doc #** column to view individual documents.
 - Click on the **x out of y Pages** dropdown menu to view additional pages with document links.

- Comments may be addressed to Alysa Hopkins, the Solid Waste Permit Manager assigned to this facility, at the following address:

**Alysa Hopkins, Permit Manager
Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Office of Land Quality
Solid Waste Permits
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100 North Senate Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251**

Comments may also be submitted by email to Alysa Hopkins at AHopkins@idem.IN.gov.

- All comments are due by **June 22, 2020**.
- When IDEM makes a final decision about the CCR surface impoundments closure plan, a Notice of Decision will be mailed to landowners within one mile of the facility and individuals who submitted comments or requested notification.

Additional Information

- You can direct questions to Alysa Hopkins at 317-234-4596 or AHopkins@idem.in.gov.
- For more information about activities managed through IDEM Solid Waste Permits Section, please visit IDEM's website at www.idem.IN.gov.